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# RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

*June, 1996*

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## ANOTHER SUMMER IN JERSEY CITY

It will soon be summer again. People will be outside playing in the streets and local parks, doing construction jobs, working in their vegetable and flower gardens or just enjoying the good weather. This year we have the services of the NID program and the CS police to help make this a cleaner and safer place for all citizens. However, each person, whether a resident, worker or visitor still has as a responsibility to be courteous, polite and considerate of their neighbors and friends.

NOISE: Noise is a serious concern in our neighborhod. Do not play loud music: whether from a boom box in the street or from an open window. Do not blow your car horn to call someone from their house. Do not continue construction work after 6:00 PM or work on the week ends, especially if you're using mechanized equipment which can be heard throughout the block.

GARBAGE: When the weather gets warm, it is important to secure your garbage and recyclables from animals. Put your garbage and recyclables in covered containers. Do not put out the garbage before 7:00 pm the night before the next day pick-up. Do not pile up garbage on your property.

PARKING: Do not block your neighbor's driveway with your own or your visitor's cars.

ENJOYING OUR PARKS : Our public parks are for everyone's enjoyment. Walk your dogs with a leash and pick up after them. Do not play loud music in the parks. Do not cook food in the parks. Please put your papers and refuse in the containers.

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**RNA MEMBERSHIP** entitles you to nine issues of our newsletter, and if you live within the boundaries, voting privileges in the organization. Please support your community by paying your **$5.00** dues at the next meeting, or sending a check, payable to RNA, to 232 Ogden Avenue.

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RECYCLE YOUR GARBAGE AND DISPOSABLES - **IT'S THE LAW!**

## THE 1996 SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Once again, the Jersey City Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs will be sponsoring a Summer Basketball League throughout the City. In the North District, the League will be held in Riverview-Fisk Park and Sgt. Anthony Park. The games are scheduled to begin in early July and are expected to end in the second week of August. The League serves youth, both male and female, between the ages of 10 to 18.

Last year's League was a success, and the participants are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to display their abilities in a structured environment once again. However, adult supervision and oversight are essential to making the league work. We are currently recruiting adult volunteers who would be willing and able to give their time to this next generation.

We are in need of adult volunteers who would adopt a team of youth, either ages 10 to 15, or ages 16 to 18, for the five to six week period this summer. The minimum requirement would be supervision of their own team during the games. Additional practice and skills development would be contingent upon a volunteer's own level of knowledge and participation.

If you or someone you know is interested in coaching or managing a team of local youth this summer, please contact Patrick Moore at 792-9390.

RNA is also sponsoring a senior-level team of young adults, ages 18 and above, in the Hamilton Park Basketball League this summer. RNA is partially underwriting this entry fee with the stipulation that team members fulfill a service commitment by volunteering their time with the youth league in Riverview-Fisk Park. We are in need of an experienced leader/coach/manager to oversee this group of senior players as they vie for the tournament's chamionship. For more information, please call Patrick at the above number.

HELP BEAUTIFY YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

RNA is looking for adults and children to volunteer and work in our COMMUNITY GARDENS in RIVERVIEW-FISK PARK!

For more information, call: 792-6390.

## THE RIVERVIEW NID

The Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) program, coordinated by NID manager **Ufredo Merchan** is beginning to make a change in our neighborhood. The NID program is a partnership of city agencies, the police department and RNA to solve the problems that are affecting our neighborhood.

Ufredo is becoming familiar with our local neighborhood. Please call him and introduce yourself. Let him know what the problems are on your block. He can be reached by calling his **BEEPER NUMBER: 205-8216**. Leave your telephone number and he will return your call. He can also be reached at his office at 547-5682.

## THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

May 11th was the National Association of Letter Carriers Annual Food Drive. It was the third year that Jersey City Branch 42 participated in this worthy event. We surpassed last year's drive, collecting over 12,500 pounds of dry food.

I want to point out that over 8,000 pounds were collected in the Heights alone. I attribute this to the dedication of my fellow workers from the Hudson City Post Office on Central Avenue and the strong sense of community spirit in the Heights. All of the food collected will be distributed throughout Jersey City.

I strongly believe in this Food Drive and hope we can continue it in the future. Let me end by thanking all of my friends and neighbors from the RNA for making this food drive the success that it was. Thanks also to the Riverview Neighborhood Association itself for getting the word out. This Association and its newsletter has proven once again what a vital link it is in communicating with this community.

**Chuck Hollowell**
RNA Member and
96 NALC. Branch 42 Food Drive Coordinator

## RNA Minutes: May 14, 1996

At the May 14th meeting of RNA, we discussed and voted on the new RNA Bylaws and Incorporation documents, talked about noise problems with Pat Saley of the Harbor View Health Care Center, discussed several traffic issues with Barbara Petrick of Sgt. Anthony Neighborhood Association and heard from Sgt. Lisi of the North District about police activities in the neighborhood. We also discussed plans for our June 1 Flea Market.

**INCORPORATION**:

We discussed and unanimously voted to accept the Certificate of Incorporation. This is the document necessary for RNA to apply for nonprofit status.

There were also separate votes for each of the proposed amendments to provisions in Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11 of the RNA Bylaws (originally known as the RNA Constitution). Each amendment was approved unanimously, except Section 2 (which restricted the selection of officers to residents within the RNA geographic boundaries) which was approved 20-2.

The next step in this process is for the Executive Committee to apply for corporate status by sending these two documents to Trenton for approval.

**HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER**:

In response to member complaints, discussed last month, about noise, traffic, and parking problems, Pat Saley, Assistant Administrator and Director of Nursing at the Center, came to hear our concerns. She stated that the Center will discuss the issue of late night noise (radios in cars coming to pick up employees and loud knocking on the door at shift changes) with the employees. Ms. Saley will also look into several other concerns, including street parking by employees, the use of the ambulance zone and proper clearance for the driveway to their parking lot.

**POTHOLES**:

Member Katherine Keens brought up a concern about the potholes at the bottom of New York Avenue. There is a short span, about a block long, between the railroad track and the first intersection, where the road is in horrendous condition and has been for years.

She has made numerous calls to the City about this condition, but without results. Nearly everyone at the meeting was familiar with the stretch of road, although there was some uncertainty about whether the road is in Jersey City or Hoboken. A motion was made and passed for RNA to send a letter to each town, expressing concern and asking for immediate attention and repair.

**COMMUNITY POLICE**:

Sgt Lisi, head of the North District's Community Service Police, talked about the activities of his team in the area. He pointed out that several issues brought up by RNA members at or since the last meeting (squatters in an abandoned building, calls about drugs, and prostitution) had been resolved.

He announced the number of arrests and summons made in the North District during the last month from a Police Department printout. Arrests in our neighborhood were highlighted, and he read off the locations of arrests in several categories. There were 70 arrests in our NID zone, including 7 for burglaries (in progress); 6 for stolen property; 4 for weapons possession; 2 for weapons used in the commission of a crime; and the rest for narcotics activity.

He also discussed the giving out of over 250 summons for disorderly conduct, including 90 for 'quality of life' offenses such as urinating in public, drinking in public, and dogs without leashes. Sgt. Lisi announced that the police were now issuing summonses for pit bulls without muzzles.

To address street safety during the evening rush hour, there are now four 'fixed posts' along Palisade Avenue. From 5 to 6 PM each weekday, a policeman will be assigned to stand at the following intersections on Palisade Avenue: Beacon Avenue, and Ferry, Franklin, and Bowers Streets.

Sgt. Lisi also outlined changes to the scheduling and shift hours for the summer season. On Friday and Saturday nights, there will be a special team of police in the Riverview NID area and in Riverview-Fisk Park. Starting in June, evening shift hours will be later: 5 PM to 1 AM.

**NID PROGRAM:**

Ufredo Merchan, the Riverview NID Manager, summarized his activities since the last meeting. He arranged for topsoil to be delivered to the Community Garden. He announced that street cleaners for the NID program would soon be hired by the City for the summer.

He also promised to look into several concerns, specifically potholes at the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Franklin Street, trash cans for certain corners on Palisade and removal of a trash build-up in a backyard of a building on Palisade.

He announced that the RNA tree planting project for Palisade Avenue is still on hold because the company that was to supply the trees did not have the specific trees ordered in the contract. The City is deciding whether to cancel this contract and choose another company to complete this project.

**RNA BUSINESS:**

RNA voted to support Sgt. Anthony Neighborhood Association in their campaign to improve the safe flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the intersection of Palisade Avenue and State Highway. In addition, we were informed about a bridge renovation to take place on Palisade Avenue near Dickinson High School.

A motion was made and passed to allot up to $60 for expenses for the June 1 Flea Market. Another motion was made and passed to reimburse Patrick Moore $116.00 ($78.00 for pizza for the spring cleanup, and $38 for Flea Market expenses).

**Kathy Packard, Secretary**

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## HUDSON CRADLE

Hudson Cradle is a facility in Jersey City that helps babies in need by providing housing and supplies. RNA thought it would be nice to help contribute to this organization's worthy activities.

If you would like to donate baby clothing or supplies, such as diapers, baby wipes and baby soap to Hudson Cradle, please bring it to the next RNA meeting on June 11th.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

## Be Responsible Dog Owners!

The Jersey City Bureau of Animal Control advises all dog owners to license their pets in accordance with State and Local law. For license applications and more information, please contact the Bureau at 547-4888, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

In addition, the Bureau asks all dog owners to be responsible by adhering to the following rules:

1) Promptly pick up your dog(s) feces and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
2) Keep your dog(s) on a leash of not more than six feet when in public places and in the control of s responsible person.
3) Minimize your dog from barking and creating a public nuisance.
4) Properly inoculate your dog(s) for rabies as required by law. Remember, your dog must be currently up to date with its rabies inoculations before a license will be issued. The following participating veterinarians will provide free rabies shots (only scheduled appointments will be accepted):
   a) Animal Clinic of J.C., 603 West Side Avenue, Jersey City, Tel.: 435-6424;
   b) Bayonne Animal Hospital, 1170 Kennedy Blvd., Bayonne, Tel: 339-0121;
   c) Animal Clinic, 926 Broadway, Bayonne, Tel: 437-6666; and
   d) Ambassador Veterinarian Hospital, 3714 Kennedy Blvd., Union City, Tel: 863-4072.

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## RNA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR A LOCAL ZONING SURVEY

In January, members of RNA met with Robert Cotter, the Director of Planning to discuss a project that will help protect our residential neighborhood by limiting future development.

Mr. Cotter wants to upgrade the Master Zoning Plan for Jersey City for the purpose of accurately reflecting the residential areas in the City. He needs an up-to-date block-by block map of the City, which would include the residential one and two family homes, the apartment buildings and the businesses. He has begun that process by asking the help of neighborhood groups to complete individual block surveys of their communities.

During the summer, RNA has volunteered to make a survey of its own ten block area. Ten volunteers are needed, preferably one from each block in RNA, to complete a survey of the buildings on their block. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

## JERSEY CITY CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL

The Division of Cultural Affairs is sponsoring its **22nd Annual Jersey City Cultural Arts Festival** in Liberty State Park on Sunday, June 9, 1996 between the hours of 12 noon and 6 PM. This year's theme is "A Salute to the Olympics" and the great athletes from the around the world.

The Festival will be a celebration of art, music, dance, ethnic cuisine and various sporting exhibitions. Artists, performers, exhibitors or vendors interested in participating in this event, should contact Joey George, the Festival Director, at 547-5018.

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## CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER

Drop off articles, comments or recipes in the mailbox, attached to the gate, at 232 Ogden Ave. Mark the envelope, "RNA NEWSLETTER." The next deadline is **Friday, June 21, 1996**.

# Bulletin board

## From Valerie's Kitchen:

[Because summer is right around the corner, and it will soon be too hot to cook, we present several salad ideas with fresh spinach for your enjoyment.]

### Supreme Spinach Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) fresh spinach
- 1/2 cup of pecans, coursely chopped
- 12 oz. lowfat cottage cheese, rinsed with cold water and thoroughly drained
- 1 cup of plain lowfat yogurt
- 1/2 cup of sugar
- 3 tbsp. of vinegar
- 1 tsp. of dry mustard
- 1 tbsp. of horseradish
- 1/2 tsp. of salt

1) Wash spinach. Refrigerate spinach until crisp; tear into bite-sized pieces.
2) combine spinach, pecans, and cottage cheese; mix lightly. Set aside.
3) Combine yogurt, sugar, vinegar, mustard, horseradish and salt; mix well.
4) Combine yogurt and spinach mixture; mix lightly.

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### Spinach, Mushroom & Parmesan Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/4 lbs. of fresh spinach
- 7 oz. of button mushrooms
- salt
- black pepper
- 1 tbsp. of extra virgin olive oil
- 1 3/4 oz. of fresh parmesan cheese
- lemon juice, to taste

1) Wash spinach well, removing any stalks, and toss well to get rid of any water trapped in the crinkles.
2) Using a wet sponge wash the mushrooms, dry and finely slice.
3) Toss the whole spinach leaves with the mushrooms and season well, adding olive oil and using plenty of lemon juice to get a sharp tang.
4) serve on individual plates or bowls, covered with very thin wafers of fresh parmesan cheese.

## JUNE

Proms, Graduations, RNA Flea Market on June 1st,
Share Good News with a friend,
Discover Something new today,
You gotta relax more often,
Go see what is for Sale at our Flea Market. ENJOY!

**Madeline Rea**

## POLICEBEAT

Residents can contact their **Community Service Police Officers Scott Schnee and Lorenzo Tosado** if they have a problem, a safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity at **547-5350** (the North District station's frontdesk) or **547-5719** (community service number). When leaving a message, include your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem and a date and time of the message. All calls will be kept confidential.

**In addition, anyone with information about illegal drug use and/or drug dealing, should contact the JCPD Narcotics Unit at 547-5391. Ask to speak to Sgt. Jimmy Melendez of the North District. All calls will be strictly confidential.**

A **Community Service Survey** form is reprinted below. The purpose of the form is to alert the police to particular chronic problems in our neighborhood. Please fill the form out and mail it to the North District at 282 Central Avenue. (You can remain anonymous.)

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**JERSEY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**
**NORTH DISTRICT**
**282 Central Avenue, Jersey City, 07307**
**547-5350: Front Desk**
**547-5719: Community Service**
**Community Service Survey**

Residence_____School_____Business_____
Name:_____ CSO Post#_____
Address:_____ CSO Name:_____
Home Phone (optional):_____
Business/School Phone:_____

PROBLEMS/CONCERNS:

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| Disorderly Groups_____ | Drug Activity_____ |
| Loud Music_____ | Abandoned Bldg_____ |
| Traffic Conditions_____ | Abandoned Cars_____ |
| Parking Complaints_____ | Noise Complaints_____ |
| Animal Complaints_____ | Other(Specify below)__ |

Other Problems:_____
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Locations:_____
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Comments:_____
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**SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON**
**June 11th at 7:15 PM at the**
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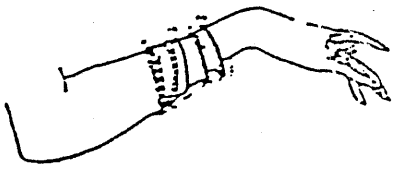

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## COMING EVENTS ----------

**1) RNA Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 1996, 7:15 PM**

**LOCATION:** THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

**TOPICS:**

1) Community Service Police Report
2) NID Program
3) Summer Basketball
4) Community Gardens

**2) Summer Concerts in Riverview-Fisk Park**

a) Wednesday, July 10: "BETTER OFF DEAD" (blues and old R& B music);

b) Thursday, August 8: "TEMPO CALIENTE" (progressive salsa music);

c) Thursday, August 29: "JOHN ECKERT QUARTET" (classic jazz music).

[For more information, call 547-5018.]